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Anthony and Emily Top Orange County New Baby Names in 2006

Forget Ryan. Forget Seth. Even forget Summer. In the Real Orange County—unlike its prime-time version—the names getting the most attention from new parents in 2006 were Anthony and Emily.

The names ranked tops as the most popular baby boy and girl names in Orange County last year, according to Tom Daly, Orange County Clerk-Recorder. Daly's office issues birth certificates for all children born in the county.

Anthony leapfrogged to the top of the county's most popular boy names list after placing 4th in 2005, while Emily re-claimed the top girls spot for the second year in a row.

Christopher, Ethan and Matthew were new additions to the Top Ten Boys names, while Emma was the only addition to the Top Ten Girls names in 2006.

"The most popular baby names are a great cultural signpost for any community," Daly said. "Congratulations to all our new Anthonys and Emilys. Personally, though, I've always been partial to Thomas."

The baby names list was compiled by the Clerk-Recorder Department from the approximate 48,000 births recorded in Orange County in 2006, of which 52% were boys and 48% were girls.

Nationally, according to the BabyCenter's 2006 Top Baby Names List, Emma ranked as the most popular girl name, while Aiden was listed as the most popular boy name.

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**Top 10 New Baby Names
Orange County 2006 (vs. 2005)**

Boy Names

	<u>2006</u>	<u>(2005)</u>
1.	Anthony	(Daniel)
2.	Angel	(Joshua)
3.	Jacob	(Andrew)
4.	Daniel	(Anthony)
5.	Joshua	(Jacob)
6.	Andrew	(Angel)
7.	Matthew	(Ryan)
8.	Ethan	(Jonathan)
9.	Nathan	(Nathan)
10.	Christopher	(David)

Girl Names

	<u>2006</u>	<u>(2005)</u>
1.	Emily	(Emily)
2.	Ashley	(Ashley)
3.	Samantha	(Samantha)
4.	Isabella	(Natalie)
5.	Mia	(Mia)
6.	Sophia	(Isabella)
7.	Natalie	(Sophia)
8.	Emma	(Kimberly)
9.	Kimberly	(Ava)
10.	Ava	(Madison)

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